

The prophet Job speaks with brutal yet refreshing honesty in today's first reading. Job struggles to find purpose in the drudgery of everyday life. He bemoans how days and nights seem to go by with the mechanical movement of a weaver's shuttle until the thread runs out and death comes knocking. Do his laments sound familiar? Surely all of us have reasons to lament in our lives as individuals or as members of communities facing hardship. No human being is exempt from experiencing the spectrum of emotions, including anger, frustration, boredom, and other difficult emotions.

Job demonstrates the values of bringing these emotions to prayer. God can handle lamentations. The Scripture is filled with such prayers. How might we, as individuals and as a community, practice greater honesty in prayer? Where might we need to make space for honest lamentations?

Jesus responds to prayers of lamentation, although not always in ways we hope. Today's gospel can be difficult to digest for people who prayed for healing, for themselves or for a loved one, and did not experience a cure like Simon's mother-in-law. Why did I or my loved one have to suffer? Why didn't Jesus answer our prayers for a complete cure? These are the sorts of difficult, honest questions Jesus wants us to bring to him. God's ways are deeply mysterious. Jesus does not make all of our wishes come true exactly as we imagine. Rather, Jesus remains close to us in our times of need. He listens to the longing of our hearts and promises healing will come in time. Living Liturgy, p. 55

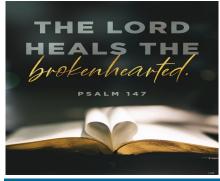
Everyday Stewardship

Sometimes we can feel like we are living the life of Job: everything is going wrong all at the same time. Everyone finds himself or herself in a valley once in awhile. How we got there is not nearly as important as how are we going to get out.

Everyday stewards are called to be grateful for all things, large and small. It is easier to be grateful for obvious things like family, health, and life itself, than it is to look for the ordinary gifts in our life. When we cultivate a sense of wonder and thankfulness for the many little things in life we find ourselves more resilient in times of trial. We can look out our window and see all those gifts in creation. We can look around our home and see all the things people take too easily for granted. Imagine life without some of the simplest things like clothing, warmth, water, and furniture. There are people in this world that long for all of those things. But God has given them for your benefit and for you to share with others.

Before Lent begins in a couple weeks, take the time to create a list of at least 10 things that you normally take for granted. Keep that list handy and maybe add to it from time-to-time. When life seems hard and that cloud seems to hang over our heads, bring out the list and let gratefulness lift you up and out of your plight so that once again you can be about your Father's work.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Readings for the Week

Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56 Tue: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13 Wed: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23 Thu: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Fri: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Sat: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/ Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Sun: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/ Mk 1:40-45



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This Week's Area Worship Schedule

DATE/TIME LOCATION INTENTION Eucharistic Adoration: 6am on Mondays until Noon on Friday. MONDAY, February 5 St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr 5pm, Mass St. Anastasia + Veronica Schurmann TUESDAY, February 6 St. Paul Miki and Companions. Martyrs + Alice Welch 7am, Mass St. Anastasia WEDNESDAY, February 7 5pm, Mass St. Anastasia + Edward Karl THURSDAY, February 8 9am, Mass St. Anastasia + Mary Farenbaugh FRIDAY, February 9 7am, Mass + Roger Schackmann St. Anastasia St. Scholastica, Virgin SATURDAY, February 10 9am. Mass St. Anastasia 3pm, Confessions St. Anastasia Day Chapel 4:30pm, Mass St. Anastasia ++ Wayne & Barb Scott 6pm, Confessions/Rosary St. Boniface Church 6:30pm, Mass St. Boniface + Anna Burge SUNDAY, February 11 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8am, Confessions/8:30 Rosary St. Anastasia Church 9am. Mass ++ Jim Clouse, Tom Callier St. Anastasia 7:30pm, Mass St. Anastasia For Our Area Faith Community

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, February 5

1pm, GriefShareSt. AnastasiaYouth Room4pm, A Bible Study on the Joyful Mysteries: Jesus in the TempleYouth Room6pm, The ChosenSt. AnastasiaYouth Room

TUESDAY, February 6

5pm, Lectio Bible Study: Mary - The Perpetual Virgin Youth Room 6:30pm, Education Advisory St. Anastasia Hospitality Area

Wednesday, February 7

5:30pm, KC's Squire CCW Kitchen St. Anastasia 6:30pm, ALPHA St. Anastasia Hospitality Area 6:30pm, Religious Education School & Church St. Anastasia 6:45pm, Exodus 90 Side Chapel St. Anastasia Youth Room 7:45pm, Youth Groups St. Anastasia 8pm, Knights of Columbus Cafeteria St. Anastasia

THURSDAY, February 8

12n, Finance CouncilSt. AnastasiaConference Room5pm, Lectio Bible Study: The Case for JesusYouth Room6pm, Young Adult GatheringSt. AnastasiaYouth Room

FRIDAY February 9

6am, TMIY St. Anastasia Hospitality Area

SATAURDAY, February 10

SUNDAY, February 11

6pm, RCIA St. Anastasia Youth Room

The Roman Catholic Area Faith Community of St. Anastasia & St. Boniface

Community News

Diocese of New Ulm National Eucharistic
Preacher – The Eucharist: Leading us to the Sacred
Heart with Fr. Joe Laramie. There will be a talk,
Adoration with prayer teams & confession and a
reception. There will be three opportunities:

Friday February 23, 2024 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at St. Peter, St. Peter, MN

Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 10am-Noon at St. Anastasia, Hutchinson, MN

Sunday, February, 25 from 2pm, 4pm at St. Edward, Minneota



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Financial. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school because 100% of the proceeds go directly to the school, our goal this year is \$17,000. The grand prize is a 2024 CHEVY TRAX or \$20,000 cash. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased at each weekend Mass January 13-February 11 and from all St. Anastasia School and Kids' Depot Preschool students. Thank you for supporting our school.

Youth Benefit Concert—Church of St. Willibrord (1032 Ash Ave, Gibbon, MN) on Sunday, February 11 at 2pm. The tickets can be purchased by calling Tina Nachreiner (507) 829-8906 or Berny Berger (320)-583-7975 or from any AFC youth. The Cogley Sisters will be performing 50's and Christian Music. The ticket also includes dessert/coffee/beverages and there will be a Bake Sale. This Benefit is to help our All Saints AFC send our students to Steubenville.



Thank you to all who donated food to the Food Shelf. We took in 9 pounds

on January 22, 2024



44th Annual Knight of Columbus Council No. 4842 Fish Fry at Plamor Ballroom in Glencce, MN on Friday, February 9, 2024. They are also serving Scalloped potatoes. Baked beans & coleslaw. Serving from 11am

-7pm Adults \$15, 10 & under \$8.



Common Cup will be collecting Ramen Noodles for the Backpack program. They are also collecting personal care products.

Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2023 (DMA): Thank you to all who have given to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Your contributions to the DMA reach individuals and families across the diocese, providing family and crisis counseling, emergency assistance, religious and spiritual formation, and supporting our seminarians. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge or gift yet, envelopes are available in the back of church. You may return your pledge in the collection basket or simply drop it in the mail. You may also make your pledge or gift online at https://www.dnu.org/dma/. Either way, those ministries designated in the DMA brochure—ministries that are vital to our diocesan church—as well as our own project—additional funds for the cemetery.

Knights of Columbus Hutchinson Council 4797



37th Annual Fish Fry

Date: Friday, February 23rd, 2024

DINE-IN, DELIVERY, OR TAKE OUT

TIME:11:30am—6:00pm or until fish is gone.

PLACE: McLeod County Fair Grounds (840 Century Ave SW~ Hutchinson, MN)

Cost: \$15.00 (Cash or Checks Only)

Menu: Alaskan Pollock, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Bread, Cookie, Water, Milk, Coffee

For Deliveries Call 320-583-8086 or 320-894-5352 (2/23 only)

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more information at www.usccb.orgccee.
#iGiveCatholicTogether (https://

usccb.igivecatholictogether,org/organizations/usccbchurch-in-central-and-eastern-europe) also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

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Religious Education/Youth/Adult Formation

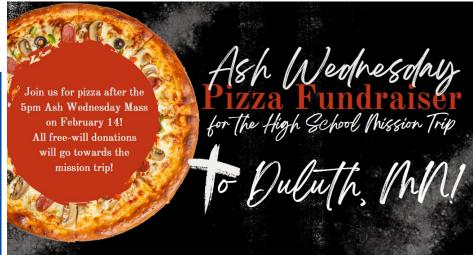


Young Adult Gatherings! We had so much fun getting together in January at Main Street Sports Bar and are very excited for this next gathering! All young adults in their 20's and 30's, single and married, are invited to join us for a night of fun conversations and a delicious dinner at Tokyo Grill from 6-8pm on Thursday, February 15. For more information, please contact Elli Burmis at faithformation@stanastasia.net or Jake Burmis at youthmin@stanastasia.net. We hope to see you there!









Mission Trip and Ash Wednesday Pizza Fundraiser!

Our mission trip will look new this year! In addition to moving our trip up to the last week of June (23-28), we are no longer partnering with Youth Works. For the very first time, we will be creating our own experience here in MN! Excitingly, we will primarily be up in the Duluth area for the week! More details are to come, so please reach out if you are interested in being a part of the many aspects of this trip!

Furthermore, all St. Anastasia parishioners, families, and friends are warmly invited to join us for cheese pizza and salad after the 5pm Ash Wednesday Mass on February 14. All free-will donations will go towards the 2024 High School Youth Mission Trip to Duluth! Our envelope fundraising board will be up this same day. We hope you are able to join us and we appreciate your support!

School News

It was an exciting week in the 3rd Grade Classroom! This past week, we welcomed our new 3rd Grade teacher, Ms. Macee McGill!



Ms. McGill attended St. Anastasia as a kid and graduated from Hutchinson High School in 2018. She completed her student teaching this past fall at Tiger Elementary and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education in December 2023. Ms. McGill is thrilled to be returning to St. A's as a teacher. We are so blessed to have Ms. McGill joining our incredible staff!

And, we owe a huge thank you to Mrs. Heining who has been a wonderful teacher to our third graders this school year. We truly could not have asked for a better interim teacher and are grateful for her dedication to our students, families and school. We look forward to having Mrs. Heining back as our regular librarian!

Capital Campaign Progress

Thanks to those who have already offered a financial commitment to our Phase Two Facilities Master Plan Campaign. The timely payments on your pledge enable us to complete the prioritized work without incurring debt. We have now collected enough funds for the Church Kitchen project. Our plan is to begin this work once the school year concludes this spring. The second priority is the Church Office Remodeling, and we are moving forward to schedule that work which will be timed based on the collected funds. We will continue to invite your financial support for the third priority the Church Restrooms, Gathering Space and Chapel. Please consider joining those who have offered their support or if you have the financial capacity, consider increasing your support to help us complete the final projects. Thank you!



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Adoration Moments

God Is Patient with Us

God is not impatient like us, who often want everything all at once, even in our dealings with other people, God is patient with us because he loves us, and those who love are able to understand, to hope, to inspire confidence; they do not give up, they do not burn bridges, they are able to forgive. Let us remember this in our lives as Christians: God always waits for us, even when we have left him behind! He is never far from us, and if we return to him, he is ready to embrace us.

PLEASE HELP FILL THESE OPEN TIMES IN THE CHAPEL FOR ADORATION:

MONDAY: NOON TUESDAY: 3:00A.M. WEDNESDAY: 10:00 AM

THURSDAY: 1:00 A.M. /11:00 P.M.

FRIDAY: Midnight

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PARISH OFFICE 320-587-6507

ADORATION HOTLINE 320-484-7126-please call this number to see if there are closings due to the weather. It is always updated.

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Please Keep In Your Prayers

Nicole Glesener Jenny Trettin Bonita Quast
Brenda Popp Robyn Chrast Lois Pollei

Donna Conrad Marilyn Stevens Phyllis van der Hagen
Nellie Czech Gladys Homan Cathy Plath
Tom Donohoo Deb Kalenberg Deb Mundt Colleen Loe
Diane Kostecka For peace in our world
For those who serve our country

Names will be listed for one month unless we are told otherwise. If you would like to continue your prayer request after that time please contact the office and ask for reinstating.



Stewardship

St. Anastasia

January 28 Contributions \$9,358.00

Current Capital Campaign

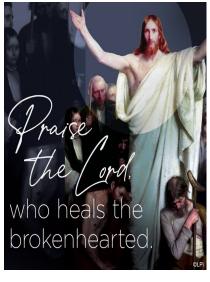
Pledges \$ 1,370,179.96 Actual Money \$ 547,470.32 Pledges Need \$ 1,629,820.04 Actuals Need \$ 2,452,529.68

TRY ONLINE GIVING AT ST A'S!

Online Giving is a secure way to give to the parish. Manage your account and donations by computer, tablet, or smart phone. Go to www. stanastasia.net, and click on the Online Giving icon. You can download the free App in the App Store, Google Play Store, or go to OLGapp.com. Register by entering our church ID of 78.

St. Boniface

January 28 Contributions \$581.00



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St. Anastasia School	Eucharistic Adoration
Confession	Masses
I would like a call or visit from	Father Paul
Other:	☐ I'm Updating My Information

General Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at 3pm on Saturday at St. Anastasia or by appointment.

Marriages

Contact the Area Faith Office at least 6 months in advance of the planned wedding date. Couples complete a premarital inventory and are required to attend an approved pre-marriage program.

Baptisms

Contact Fr Paul Wolf, 320-587-6507, to schedule a baptism and the necessary preparation. The pre-Baptism program helps parents take an active role in their child's Baptism. It provides reflection and instructions for parents as they assume their new responsibility as the primary teachers of their child.

Hospital Visitation

If you, or anyone you know, is hospitalized or ill at home, notify the Area Faith Office to arrange for visitation.

Prayer Requests

You may list your prayer intentions in the Book of Communal Prayer in the Eucharistic Chapel.

Prayer Chain

St. A's has a prayer chain that prays for any needs you have. Anyone can call with a prayer request, and anyone can be a part of the prayer chain. If you would like to participate or ask for prayer support, call Janet Hall at 320-455-7927 email 3furballmom@gmail.com.

New Parishioners

Please register! Call or stop by the Area Faith Office. You can register on-line.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) Considering becoming fully Catholic? Call Fr Paul Wolf, 320-587-6507.

Area Bulletin Deadline Tuesdays, 11am, at St. Anastasia.

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KC Picnic Shelter Rental at St. A's Call Mark Lewandowski, 320-583-0357.

Adoration Hotline

For the latest changes to the Adoration schedule call 320-484-7126.

The Area Faith Office *is open Mon-Fri*, 7:30am-4:00pm 320-587-6507.

Area Faith Community Leadership

STA Administrative Council Chair: Jim Fahey	usually meets on t February 20, 7pm		f each month parish office
STB Administrative Council Chair: Mark Maiers	TBA, 9am	St Boniface	church basement
Cemetery Committee Chair: Jeff Lehn	TBA, 3pm	St Anastasia	parish office
School Advisory Committee Chair: Berit Spors	usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month February 6, 6:30pm St Anastasia hospitality area		
Home & School Association Co-Chairs: Nicole Tanata Denise Schwecke	usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday each February 13, 6:30pm St Anastasia lib		
Worship & Outreach Committee	TBA, 7pm	St Anastasia	parish office
Maintenance Committee	TBA 5pm	St Anastasia	parish office
Social Concerns Committee	TBA, 6pm usually meets on t	St Anastasia he 2nd Thursday	parish office each month
STA Council of Catholic Women	TBA, 10am	St Anastasia	hospitality area
STB Council of Catholic Women	TBA, 6pm	St Boniface	basement

Area Faith Community Staff

February 7, 7:30pm St Anastasia

February 7, 5:30pm St Anastasia

cafeteria

hospitality area

Fr. Paul Wolf, Pastor	507-829-0965 (cell)	pwolf@stanastasia.net
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St. Boniface Staff LaMae Maiers, Administration Merri Schaufler, Contributions/Admin.	320-583-1302 320-562-2245	
St. Anastasia School Betty Kloss, Principal Marilyn Schreiner, Secretary	320-587-2490 320-587-2490	principal@stanastasia.net secretary@stanastasia.net
Kids' Depot Daycare & Preschool Michelle Nies, Director	320-587-4760	depot@stanastasia.net
Religious Education & Youth Minist Elli Burmis, RE Dir, St Anastasia Karen Maiers, RE Dir, St Boniface Jake Burmis, YM Director	try 320-587-6507 320-833-6020 320-587-6507	faithformation@stanastasia.net karenmaiers1@gmail.com youthmin@stanastasia.net
St. Anastasia Cemetery Mike Schall, Manager	1 mile north of Hutchinson on Highway 15 320-583-7199 mgschall@mediacombb.net	
St. Boniface Cemetery Terry Maiers, Co-Manager Adam Tanata, Co-Manager	1 mile south of Stew 320-894-8758 320-583-4345	art on City Rd 7

TO REPORT ABUSE: Anyone who has suffered sexual abuse by a priest or another person involved in Church ministry is encouraged to immediately report such abuse to local law enforcement, regardless of when it occurred, if it has not yet been reported. A listing of all county law enforcement and child protection agencies within the 15 counties of the Diocese of New Ulm

is posted on the diocesan Web site at https://www.dnu.org/report-abuse.

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Grand Knight: Paul Mraz

Knights of Columbus Squires

Victims and survivors of abuse by clergy are also encouraged to contact the diocesan victim assistance coordinator or the bishop's delegate in matters pertaining to sexual misconduct at 1421 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073, or by phone at 507-233-5313, for counseling or other assistance in healing.

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